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LOCAL NEWS

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Mrs. Alvin Noble of Toronto is a visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Murdoch.

Mrs. Walsh of Owen Sound was visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Walden.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews and daughters of Dundalk were visitors in town on Sunday.

Messrs. Alex. Acheson, Wm. G. Bowles and Chas. Tolton are serving on the jury in Owen Sound this week.

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Johnson - Metcalf

The marriage of Miss Alice Eleanor Metcalf, Toronto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Metcalf of Streetsville, formerly of Markdale, to Mr. Kirk England Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon K. Johnson of Toronto took place, January 28th in Danforth Avenue United Church. Spring flowers formed the decorations and Rev. Norman A. McMurray officiated. Miss Cecilia Huston was at the organ.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a graceful gown of white lace, her veil held with a halo and carried yellow roses. Miss Eleanor Johnson, sister of the bridegroom was her attendant, wearing a gown of soldier blue lace, matching halo hat, and carrying flame roses and sweet peas. The groomsmen were Mr. Douglas Johnson and the ushers were Mr. Russell Metcalf, Mr. Donald Johnson, Mr. Leslie Metcalf and Mr. Ralph Whately.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's grandmother, where Mrs. Metcalf received in a gown of blue sheer with corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Johnson wore rose lace with corsage of sweet peas. The happy couple will live in Toronto.

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War Savings Campaign Is Now In Full Swing

Under the direction of Mr. F. D. Sawyer canvassers are at work this week in an effort to secure pledges from as many as possible for the purchase regularly of War Savings Certificates. The village has been divided into small groups and two canvassers appointed for each group, one a high school boy and the other an adult. The response to date has been very gratifying. Every Canadian citizen is vitally interested in this particular effort because if we fail to produce the necessities to prosecute the war to a successful finish then we might just as well desert our homes, businesses and loved ones. Life for us would no longer hold any of the things which are near and dear to us. Buy War Savings Certificates to protect your homes and your loved ones.

Bankers Have Been Moved To London, Ontario

Two local bankers have been transferred to new locations, both in London. Mr. Geo. Dean, accountant in the Bank of Montreal, has been transferred to the Market Square branch in London while Mr. Robt. Haddon, Bank of Toronto accountant, has been moved to the City Hall branch in the Western city. Both have been popular in the village and general are the expressions of regret at their removal. Mr. and Mrs. Haddon have already moved their household effects. Mr. R. J. Osborne of Guelph takes the place of Mr. Dean in the Bank of Montreal and he and Mrs. Osborne will move here as soon as a suitable house can be secured. The successor to Mr. Haddon in the Bank of Toronto is Mr. E. R. Southcott, who came here from Sarnia.

Annesley Choir Sponsored Delightful 'At Home'

Under the auspices of Annesley Church Choir an enjoyable "At Home" was held in the school room of the church on Friday evening last. A tasty supper was served before the program which was presided over by Rev. S. E. Annis. "Three Blind Mice" by four groups of four was a pleasing number. Mr. W. J. Boves gave a brief history of Annesley Church; Miss Parkinson contributed a piano solo; Mr. M. A. Henry conducted a questionnaire; Mrs. J. E. Walker supervised the singing of four old favorites by groups at four tables; Mr. W. J. Howard gave a reading. A cake eating contest was won by Mr. A. E. Hunt. The men of the choir contributed a number. Mr. T. H. Wilson gave a short talk on the work of the choir. Mrs. J. E. Walker, Mrs. W. S. Perkins, Mrs. J. H. Perkins and Miss Parkinson contributed a pleasing quartette and Miss Betty Dawn Armstrong a trio. A debate regarding the pleasing qualities of a cranky capable house-keeper or a sloppy good natured one created considerable amusement. A contest in song story style was put on by Jack Perkins and was won by Mrs. J. R. Dillon and Mrs. M. Oliver. Altogether it was an enjoyable and worthwhile event.

Indian Veteran Soldier Knits for Red Cross

The Highgate Monitor tells this interesting story which refers to one of the residents on the Moravian-town Reserve near Highgate:

At the rate of one pair of socks per day Daniel Noah, well known man of Moravian-town, is doing a fair job of helping to lick Hitler.

Dan is a veteran of the last war. As such he knows that a pair of socks are very good articles for any soldier to possess. He learned to knit two years ago and being unable to do any heavy work and naturally wanting to chase Hitler out of Europe, he decided that knitting socks for the Red Cross would be his contribution to the war effort.

Two years ago he liked the illustration of a sweater in a knitting magazine, so he learned from an instruction book to knit and puri and the sweater became a reality.

When the war broke out and his Moravian-town friends joined the army, he went to work for them. Sweaters, scarves, socks and mitts flowed from his busy fingers. When he had the 'braves' supplied—and he paid for the yarn from his own pension money—he turned to the Red Cross. They accepted his services. So, Mr. Noah knits away at the rate of one pair of socks a day and Red Cross workers will tell you that is a very good pace indeed.

Back in 1916, as a man of 34, he joined the 75th Winnipeg Grenadiers, saw active service, was several times wounded and got his honourable discharge in 1919.

Originator of R. R. Gardens Celebrates 90th Birthday

(Vancouver Province)

The years have whitened his hair and he is a little hard of hearing, but an abiding love of beauty and a deep fundamental faith in his fellow-men has kept John Caesar young in heart.

On February 27th, 1941, John Caesar reached his ninetieth milestone and looked back on a life rich in good deeds and friendship. And all along the right-of-way of the Canadian Pacific Railway, from Atlantic to Pacific, over across the windswept prairies, perched high in the crags of the Rockies or deep in the rocks and forests of Northern Ontario and Quebec are station gardens which might not have bloomed without him.

For John Caesar is best known as the man who instituted the practice of beautifying Canadian railway stations with flowers and shrubbery.

Back in 1882, when he raked up the rubbish littering the grounds of the station at Markdale, in Grey County, Ontario, and planted a few five-cent packages of flower seeds, John Caesar hardly supposed his idea would soon spread out to embrace the whole of the railway set-up of the Dominion. But he lived to see stations in all provinces beautified and adorned by horticulture.

Later, when he retired from his post as agent at Markdale in 1917, he became the C.P.R.'s first travelling florist. He superintended planting of station gardens from coast to coast. Out of his efforts grew the present horticultural department of the railway, which annually holds contests to determine the best gardens.

Of late years Mr. Caesar has been living in Vancouver with a daughter. He keeps in touch with his railway colleagues through active membership in the Canadian Pacific Pioneers Association.

Now he has joined the select company of nonagenarians which includes Eli Cummer, former Toronto carman, who will be 100 in July. "Runner-up" for the title of oldest member is Sammy Phipps, retired Reveistoke and Vancouver master mechanic, who will be 98 in June.

Mr. Caesar has been drawing railway wages or pension cheques without interruption since 1871 when he joined the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway as agent. When this line was taken over in 1882 he remained with the big C.P.R.

World Day of Prayer Is Observed

The annual World Day of Prayer was observed Friday afternoon in the Gospel Workers' Church and was well attended, with all Protestant Churches being well represented. Mrs. (Rev.) W. F. Dean had charge. The order of service was prepared by the World Day of Prayer committee of Shanghai, China. The theme "Thy Kingdom Come", was developed under four headings, 1. In our individual lives; 2. In our community and nation; 3. In the realization of a family of nations, founded on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men; 4. The vision of the Kingdom. A deep feeling of reverent worship pervaded the gathering and many ladies took part in the various Scripture readings and prayers. Mrs. Stoble gave a short address on prayer and told of a direct answer to prayer which she had witnessed when in mission work in Africa. Mrs. K. S. Gemmel and Mrs. Dean sang, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer", with guitar accompaniment by the latter. The prayer of dedication to the service of God, was offered by Mrs. S. E. Annis and was followed by a dedicatory prayer in unison.

All offerings taken at these meetings the world over are devoted entirely to providing good literature for foreign mission fields and Christianizing effort in other spheres. Miss E. Artley read a number of appreciative acknowledgements from a few of the many societies and missionary publishing houses that had received last year much needed donations from this source. Miss Shirley Semple was pianist.

Unique Plan Inaugurated To Retire Church Deficit

Nearly 2,000,000 members and adherents of the The United Church of Canada will, during the week of March 2nd to 10th, be invited to participate in a unique plan whereby they may express their loyalty to their country through the purchase of War Savings Stamps and Certificates, and also express their devotion to their church by registering a portion of their certificates in the name of The United Church of Canada to retire a deficit of \$1,700,000 incurred during the years of increased missionary effort and decreased revenue.

Wanted - A Square Deal For Canadian Farmers

(Blenheim Tribune)

Considerable is being said by leaders of Agriculture at the present time about inequality of sacrifice on behalf of the National War effort because of the low prevailing farm prices in relation to other products which the farmer must buy, such as machinery, food, clothing, furniture and so on. The complaint is not against the low price contracts to supply food to Britain, but against the refusal to help or let the farmer get more for his produce on the home market, or to spread the sacrifice of low cost supplies being sent to England by a bonus to the farmer which would be paid by the general taxpayer.

One serious handicap faced by the South Kent farmer has been the big volume of imported produce coming onto the Ontario markets just before his own crops are ready for market. Instead of getting a good price for his early crops of potatoes, strawberries, tomatoes, cabbage and fruits he generally finds the market in a condition of glut because of many carloads of United States stuff brought onto the Toronto wholesale market just before his own crops are ready to harvest. The edge has been taken from the public's taste, even if the quantity of imported produce remaining to compete directly with his own home-grown crop is not too great. Prices are low and the demand slow just when it should be good.

This same situation, in regard to one or more crops, holds true all over the province and there is good reason to believe that speculating wholesalers who care nothing for the rural Ontario deliberately aggravate the situation on occasion in order to drive prices down to "rock bottom" before they start handling home grown stuff—it helps their profits, lessens their risks.

This import evil is perhaps of most general importance in connection with early potatoes in this district around here, though it affects all early fruit and vegetables. It is a situation which in time of war when we need every United States Dollar for purchase of war planes, supplies, munitions, should not be tolerated any longer.

An attempt was made to save some 50 million United States Dollars for war supplies last fall, when the government planned to drastically limit importation of such luxuries as bunched carrots, beets, celery, Louisiana strawberries, Texas spinach and beans, and oranges, grapefruit. Powerful lobbying prevented this ban and in its stead the wholesalers promised a "voluntary restriction" on amounts imported. As well expect a wolf to voluntarily refrain from killing.

The situation right now is simply that, on authoritative figures, Canadians are pouring 50 millions of United States dollars (including U. S. freight charges) into vegetables, oranges and grapefruit, out-of-season fruits, when this money is needed in our (so-called) "total war." It is time farmers insisted that the government stop fighting this "total war" with one hand and one half the population.

Prohibition of imported fruits and vegetables would benefit the farmers greatly. But it wouldn't hinder the war effort—it would help it by conserving needed U. S. dollars. It wouldn't handicap the consumer, he might eat "old potatoes" a couple of weeks longer in the spring, eat apples instead of oranges right now, buy bulk carrots instead of bunched carrots (the useless tops of which cost good U. S. dollars), but he would have all the essentials of a healthy diet, and when the new Ontario crops come on, the high prices that have in past years been paid for imported produce would come instead into the pockets of the Canadian farmers, and back into circulation in the country.

There is one way for farmers to achieve his end, and put more

Aircraftsman George Lee

Leading Aircraftsman George Lee lost his life in an accident near Ottawa on Friday, Feb. 21st. The deceased was a son of the late Robert Lee and Mrs. Lee, former residents of Holland township near Chastaworth. He was 22 years of age and had been in the R.C.A.F. for some time, having been advanced to the position of instructor.

His mother resides in Owen Sound along with three younger brothers and one sister. Mrs. Wm. Kennedy of Glenelg and Mrs. John Kennedy of Hamilton are sisters.

BORN

HARVEY—At Mrs. Nuhn's Nursing Home, Flesherston, on Monday, March 3, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Harvey of Markdale, a daughter.

SUMMERS—At Mrs. Nuhn's Nursing Home, Flesherston, on Wednesday, February 26th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Summers (Katheline Gillies) of Vandeleur, the gift of a son.

money in their pockets. It is to sit down and write, first to their own member of parliament, second to their nearest daily or weekly newspaper, third to the prime minister of Canada. Then they must follow it up with still more organized protests—resolutions are not enough, they are too easy to pigeon-hole. Public discussion, continued newspaper attention must be secured, and can be secured by farmers who are determined to stop this public waste against Canadian farmers.

And on top of that they can demand that importation of fresh fruits and vegetables produced commercially in Ontario cease in this region at least two weeks before our crops are ready for market.

War or no war, here should never be allowed again such a drastic dumping of U.S. potatoes on Ontario markets as occurred in the last two weeks of June 1939, when Toronto and other wholesalers brought into Ontario supplies of southern potatoes which were not entirely disposed of until homegrown early potatoes had been on the market for two weeks, and had been forced to profitless levels. Importation beyond normal requirements should not be permitted and if farmers insist, can be prohibited this coming year at least.

The war has given the farmer a lever to use on the government in this respect—an entirely legitimate one—and every clear-thinking citizen in village, town or city will agree with him in a demand for restrictions on the speculations of wholesalers with precious shrews of war U.S. dollars.

John Citizen can't spend \$10 in Detroit to enjoy himself but any wholesaler can spend a thousand dollars on a carload of tomatoes, grapes, oranges or Texas carrots to sell at a profit to John Citizen and use those same imported products as a bludgeon to force down prices of products of Canadian farms.

It does not help win the war to be eating imported carrots while a hundred tons of good carrots lie unsaleable within 10 miles of Bleasheim.

We haven't enough U.S. dollars to buy both war materials and out-of-season fruits and vegetables, and we all know which we need most sorely.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our stock of Funeral Supplies is about complete and we are now carrying on this branch of our service without any inconvenience.

In about five days we will be back in the furniture business again with values that will surprise you; Thanks to the very kind co-operation of the factories who have worked with us to the utmost.

We'll be seeing you in the Odd Fellows' Block. Business as usual.

Oliver's Home Furnishers and Funeral Service

Anglican Church Notes

Rev. C. O. Pheasant, B.A., B.D.

10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning service. "Timely Lenten Topics, 2".
7 p.m.—Evening service. "Job's Perplexity, 2".
Tuesday, March 4th, at 7.30 p.m., Lenten and War-Time prayer service. "Character Studies, 2".

St. Matthias' Church Berkeley
3 p.m.—Church Service. "Timely Lenten Topics, 2".
The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be held, D.V., at the home of Mrs. Abe. Hannah on Thursday afternoon, March 6th.

Gospel Workers' Church

REV. W. F. DEAN, Pastor

2 p.m.—Sunday School.
3 p.m.—Church Service.
10.30 a.m.—Williamsford service.
Tuesday evening—Prayer meeting at parsonage.
Thursday evening—Cottage prayer meeting.
Kindly note change in time of services.

Pentecostal Assembly
Sunday: 2.30 p.m., Sunday School.
8 p.m., Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday: 8 p.m., Bible study.
Thursday: 8 p.m., Evangelistic Service.
Friday: Cottage prayer meeting.
"A warm welcome awaits you—Come".
Worker in charge: Mrs. Fred Taylor.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Rev. H. R. Campbell, Ph.D., Minister.
3 p.m.—Swinburn Park.
11 a.m.—Priceville.
7.30 p.m.—Markdale.
2 p.m.—Sunday School.

United Church of Canada
Rev. S. E. Annis, M.A., B.D., Pastor
11 a.m.—Morning service.
12.15 p.m.—Sunday School.
2.30 p.m.—Ebenezer.
7 p.m.—"The Church goes Traveling". Illustrated with lantern slides.

United Church of Canada
Holland Centre Circuit
Rev. R. K. Burnside, LL.B., Pastor
11 a.m.—Berkeley.
8.45 p.m.—Harkaway.
7.30 p.m.—Holland Centre.

Kimberley United Church
W. R. BUCHANAN, Pastor
11 a.m.—Epping.
2.30 p.m.—New England.
7.30 p.m.—Kimberley.

Kimberley Baptist Church
Rev. E. H. Young, B. Th., Minister
3 p.m.—Church Service.

Coming Events

Notices under this heading are inserted at five cents per line for each insertion with a minimum charge of 15 cents.

Annesley United Church W.A. will hold a St. Patrick's supper in the church on Friday, March 14th. Admission 35 and 20 cents.

Remember the auction sale of household effects, etc., at the former Markdale Hospital on George Street on Saturday, March 8th, commencing at 2 o'clock.

A St. Patrick's Supper will be held in Harkaway United Church basement on Tuesday, March 18th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid. Good program. Adm. 20 and 10 cts.

Mrs. L. Rapp extends an invitation to all Bridge and Euchre players to attend her party at the Legion Hall on Friday evening, March 7th, at 8.15 o'clock. Entire proceeds donated to the Red Cross.

A St. Patrick's Tea and Bake Sale under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church, Markdale, will be held at the home of Mrs. I. B. Lucas, Mark Street, on Monday afternoon, March 17th.

To Subscribers In Arrears

We have quite a number of patrons who have allowed their subscriptions to fall in arrears. Most of those in that class are in a position to settle the small amount which when added to all the others amounts to quite a tidy sum. We need considerable money during the next few weeks and will appreciate an early response to this appeal. Thank you.